

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LAND EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian territory is being lost to Pakistan as a result of land erosion;
- (b) if so, the total area India has lost as a result thereof so far;
- (c) whether Pakistan has diverted the course of Ravi and Satluj rivers; and
- (d) if so, the remedial measures contemplated by the Government to prevent the land erosion?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) Government of Punjab has informed that no area of land is being lost to Pakistan due to land erosion.
- (c) As per information available with Government of Punjab, Pakistan has built some works to push the course of the river Sutlej towards Indian side. Government of Punjab has further informed that the course of river Ravi has shifted gradually towards India due to normal country slope and some works constructed by Pakistan in their territory and that there is no major diversion of the course of the rivers Ravi and Sutlej in the India territory.
- (d) A Committee constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources visits vulnerable spots every year before and after monsoon in the border Districts and suggests counter remedial measures on these rivers and reviews the prevailing ground conditions and recommends flood control/anti erosion schemes to be executed by the State Government. Government of Punjab undertakes counter remedial measures from its own resources. Union Government is also providing financial assistance in the form of special loan and grant-in-aid as well as technical expertise to the Government of Punjab for undertaking the works.